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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gary Poehling, M.D., 1997-99 ISAKOS President

There are four basic items that I want to present to the membership: the excellent response to the new structure of ISAKOS, a full schedule for the March AAOS Annual Meeting, upcoming arrangements in Washington, D.C., and the decision to hold the 2001 Congress in Montreux, Switzerland.

I have been overwhelmed with the willingness of everyone to work for the causes of ISAKOS on a worldwide basis. This has not been an isolated or occasional effort by a few, but a broad spectrum of orthopaedists all over the world have enthusiastically worked for our organization. They have contributed their time and energy to solidify surgeons that practice sports medicine, arthroscopy, and knee surgery worldwide. It is very encouraging to me that this organization and its members will all benefit from the cooperative attitude that has been displayed by so many. The committee structure has been supported, literally, by every corner of the world.

The participation will continue at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana (USA), in March. There is a full slate of committee meetings scheduled and significant progress is expected to take place at all levels. We expect to have reports from continental organizations as to their progress and their relationship to ISAKOS. That is particularly true for South America, the Western Pacific and Asia. North American and European meetings will be held after the academy.

Plans for the meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1999 are well on the way. The opening reception will be held at the Library of Congress, which is a spectacular historic building. Kathryn Grady has done an excellent job in securing the venue. It is difficult to procure and is only granted access for rare occasions, but it has been accomplished. In addition, many other historic buildings and monuments will be available during the meeting. The Call for Abstracts is already out and I encourage everyone to participate. The Program Committee, headed by John Bergfeld, M.D., is working hard to make certain that there is something for everyone at this



ISAKOS President Gary Poehling, M.D., and wife, Sandy, at the Library of Congress during a site visit in September.

meeting. They want to make certain that an international flavor is maintained. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring family and friends to be treated to the sights and sounds of this fascinating city.

The Site Selection Committee has made the decision that the meeting in 2001 will be held in Montreux, Switzerland. Preliminary arrangements are being made. The site was selected because of its excellent facilities, central location, and uniqueness. It will be a meeting that will bring all members together in a setting that should encourage international interaction of all members.

I look forward to hearing from you on a regular basis. Your comments and suggestions have been very helpful and we are taking action on them. I look forward to seeing many of you at the AAOS meeting and all of you at the meeting in Washington, D.C.

FROM THE HOME OFFICE

Kathryn Grady, ISAKOS Coordinator

I am pleased to report that the initiatives generated in Buenos Aires are well under way. The upcoming meetings at the AAOS Annual Meeting will be fruitful, as we figure out how to take the accomplishments of these last six months and build on ISAKOS' momentum. It is an exciting time for all of us.

We have recently undertaken several large projects: restructuring the membership database so that everyone who pays their dues receives a journal subscription; mailing out 25,000 Call for Abstracts booklets; working toward the 2001 meeting in Montreux; and continuing plans for 1999 in Washington, D.C.

President Gary Poehling, Program Chair John Bergfeld, Local Host Mike Malek and I met in Washington, D.C., for a site visit in early September. We are very excited about the 1999 Congress. The Hilton & Towers is a first-rate hotel that will accommodate our meeting beautifully, and we have chosen the Library of Congress as the stunning site for the Welcome Reception. If you have never been to Washington before, you must attend this meeting. The city is clean and most of its attractions are free! Bring your families with you – there is something to do for everyone. We have developed a program of evening events that includes a poster reception (submit those abstracts!), a Farewell Banquet at the National Press Club (surround yourself with legendary images of American celebrities and presidents) and an evening tour of the Washington Monuments. The city is safe and extremely accommodating to international tourists.

I also encourage you to take a look at our Web site (<http://www.isakos.com>). It contains a listing of the membership and a downloadable file of the Call for Abstracts booklet. Please e-mail Don Johnson (donnie@resudox.net) or me (grady@aaos.org) with your suggestions.

I hope I see you at the AAOS Meeting. I will be there for the ISAKOS meetings and various other commitments. Stop and say hello if we pass in the hall. Until then, I look forward to hearing from your corner of the world.

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dieter Kohn, M.D., Education Committee Chair

The Education Committee is now busy reviewing applications for acceptance as ISAKOS-Approved Teaching Centers. We received 131 applications from a variety of countries and allocated the applications to the local members of the Education Committee. The applications will be evaluated for our upcoming committee meeting in New Orleans. The final decisions will be based on these evaluations and committee approval, and a list of approved centers will be issued by June 1, 1998.

It is our pleasure to confirm that Smith & Nephew Inc., Endoscopy Division, has decided to sponsor one further ISAKOS Traveling Fellowship in the amount of \$12,500, payable in 1998. News of this sponsorship was relayed in November 1997 and will soon be published in the journal *Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery*.

ISAKOS WEB SITE UP ON INTERNET

<http://www.isakos.com>

Don Johnson, M.D., Communications Committee Chair

The home page for the society is now up and running. Check it out at <http://www.isakos.com>. The main features of the Web site include:

- Membership Application & Society Information
- Society Awards & Applications
- Membership Directory with E-mail Addresses
- Information on the 1999 Congress in Washington, D.C.
- A Downloadable Call for Abstracts for the 1999 Meeting
- The Summer 1997 and Winter 1998 newsletters

Why would someone revisit this Web site? The best reason may be to bring someone back up-to-date on the latest clinical information, such as current concepts and instructional course materials. I would like to start posting articles from the abstract book from the First Biennial Congress in Buenos Aires. If anyone has a current concept lecture, please forward it to me in care of my office or through e-mail at donnie@resudox.net.

The future may allow us to post all the information from previous meetings, but for now the instructional courses can fill a valuable need.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WELCOMED

At the First Biennial Congress in Buenos Aires, a new policy was instituted to allow membership applicants to be approved for Associate Membership on a rolling basis. In the time since that policy was implemented, 25 physicians have been approved for Associate Membership. They are:

Jens-Ulrich Buelow, M.D., *Germany*
Michael Dienst, M.D., *Germany*
William Garrett, M.D., *USA*
Kinuthia Gichuhi, M.D., *Kenya*
James Guerra, M.D., *USA*
Osman Karaoglan, M.D., *Turkey*
Francois Kelberine, M.D., *France*
Alexandra Kirkley, M.D., *Canada*
Lars Konradsen, M.D., *Denmark*
Romeu Goncalves Krause, M.D., *Brazil*
Masahiro Kurosaka, M.D., *Japan*
Hee-Soo Kyung, M.D., *Korea*
Ferdinand J. Liotta, M.D., *USA*
Gregory Markarian, M.D., *USA*
David Martin, M.D., *USA*
Juan Nogales, M.D., *Spain*
Tae-Soo Park, M.D., *Korea*
Kevin Plancher, M.D., *USA*
William G. Rodkey, M.D., *USA*
Donato Rosa, M.D., *Italy*
Ronald Selby, M.D., *USA*
Kevin Stone, M.D., *USA*
Hans-Ulrich Staeubli, M.D., *Switzerland*
Christopher Terreblanche, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., *South Africa*
Bruno Violante, M.D., *Italy*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DUES RESTRUCTURED

In an effort to update the ISAKOS membership database and resolve missing journal subscriptions, the Rosemont office restructured all ISAKOS membership classifications.

ISAKOS members were formerly categorized as "Domestic" (American), "Canadian with Journal," "Canadian without Journal," or "International." As ISAKOS continued to grow and membership expanded, such classifications became outdated and inaccurate.

This winter, the database was restructured and all members were given the classification of "Journal" or "Non-Journal." "Journal" members were ISAKOS members whose membership dues would include a journal subscription, as prescribed in the ISAKOS Bylaws. "Non-Journal" members would remain exempt from a journal subscription, already receiving the journal through an AANA membership.

The restructuring provided few problems and should provide ISAKOS with a more accurate service to its membership as well as an increased revenue stream.

MEMBERSHIP ON REBOUND

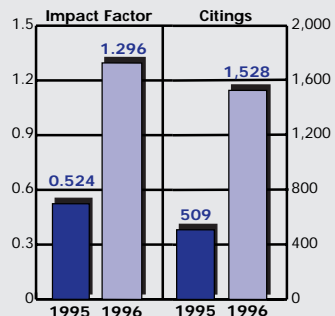
Membership numbers are increasing after a decrease in 1997. Credit for this gain can be attributed to a successful congress in Buenos Aires; a revised, more efficient membership application process; and the inclusion of Associate Members in dues billing.

| <i>1997 Member Type</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Dues Rate</i> | <i>Revenue</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Domestic (American) | 570 | \$125 | \$71,250 |
| Canadians w/journal | 5 | \$200 | \$1,000 |
| Canadians w/o journal | 10 | \$125 | \$1,250 |
| International | 486 | \$200 | \$97,200 |
| Total | 1,071 | \$650 | \$170,700 |

| <i>1998 Member Type</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Dues Rate</i> | <i>Revenue</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Journal | 654 | \$200 | \$130,800 |
| Non-Journal | 466 | \$125 | \$58,250 |
| Total | 1,120 | \$325 | \$189,050 |

REACH OF JOURNAL GROWS

The Impact Factor of the journal *Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery* increased from 0.524 in 1995 to 1.296 in 1996. The number of citations in journals increased from 509 cites in 1995 to 1,528 in 1996.



UPCOMING ISAKOS-AUTHORIZED COURSE

The following was recently approved as an ISAKOS-authorized course: "1998 Update on Rehabilitation Following ACL Reconstruction." The course will take place on Thursday, April 23, 1998, at the Post Graduate Medical Centre, The Royal Hospital, in Hampshire, England.

The registration fee is £50. Applications are limited to 80. For an application form, please contact: Mr. L. Hayes, Coordinator of Internal Training, Post Graduate Medical Centre, Royal Hospital, Haslar, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 2AA, UNITED KINGDOM; Telephone: 01705 765 736; Fax: 01705 765154.

ISAKOS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AAOS ANNUAL MEETING

All meetings will be held at the Ernst N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, except for the Sports Medicine Committee, which has been moved. It will now be held at the Hilton Hotel in the Chequers Room (see below).

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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| 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Arthroscopy Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Scientific Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Knee Committee | Meeting Room 89, Morial Convention Center |
| 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Documentation & Outcomes Committee | Meeting Room 89, Morial Convention Center |
| 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Site Selection Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Strategic Planning | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Bylaws | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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| 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Communications Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Membership Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Finance Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. | Education Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Program Committee | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |
| 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Board of Directors | Meeting Room 96, Morial Convention Center |

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Sports Medicine Committee | Chequers Room, New Orleans Hilton Hotel |
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